GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:445
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CARGO HANDLING FACILITIES
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of airports in the country having the facility of cargo handling;

(b) the details of cargo handled by these airports during each of the last three years and till date, year-wise and airport-wise;

(c) the names of airports where the Government proposes to provide cargo handling facilities during the 11th Five Year Plan;

(d) whether the Government proposes to set up cargo airports in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION(SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a),(b),(c),(d)&(e): A Statement is laid on the Table of the House.

Statement in reply to parts (a),(b),(c),(d)&(e) of Lok Sabha Starred Question No.445 for 24.4.2008 regarding Cargo Handling Facilities.

(a) Presently, 23 airports,namely Kolkata,Chennai,Nagpur,Guwahati,Lucknow,Coimbatore,Mumbai, Delhi,Amritsar,Indore,Bangalore,Hyderabad,Ahmedabad,Jaipur,Varanasi,Pune,Calicut,Srinagar, Visakhapatnam,Goa,Bhubaneswar,Trivandrum and Cochin have cargo handling facilities.

(b) Cargo handled by the above airports during the last three years,i.e. 2004-05,2006-07 and 2007-08 (upto Feb`08) is as Annexure-I.

(c) During the 11th Five Year Plan, Airports Authority of India has proposed to provide/upgrade the cargo handling facilities at its airports at Kolkata, Chennai, Lucknow, Coimbatore, Guwahati, Indore, Ahmedabad and Patna.World class Cargo facilities at the greenfield airports at Hyderabad and Bangalore have been provided.Upgraded cargo facilities would be set up at CSI airport, Mumbai and IGI Airport, Delhi by 2010.

(d) and (e) Government would encourage setting up of cargo airports/hubs in the country.